



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/791,270 Confirmation No. : 8940
Applicant : Masaaki NOMURA, et al.
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Examiner : To Be Assigned
Docket No. : 100598.53322US
Customer No. : 23911
Title : Pharmaceutical Hard Capsule Containing Inorganic
Substance

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Missing Parts

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination, please
amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which
begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.